



THE MERRYLANDS MESSENGER

Term 3

2020

MINISTER AWARDS EXCELLENCE

Year 12 student Natasha Goundar and Head Teacher Mathematics Ms Bazzi have been recognised for excellence in their field by the Minister for Education.

WELLBEING IS TOP PRIORITY!

Wellbeing team lead Year 9 through vital workshops about respect for themselves, others and the community.

EDUCATION WEEK 2020

YEAR 11 PREPARE TO BE LIFE READY!

Year Advisor's, Deputy Principal's and Senior Teacher's bring wealth of knowledge to educate student's on what's to come with life after school.



EVERY STUDENT LEARNS AT MHS



L - Listen carefully
E - Brings equipment
A - Actively participates
R - Respectful & Responsible
N - Negotiates and cooperates
S - Demonstrates services, safety and pride

The newest addition to the Merrylands High School awards system, the Merry 6. Merry 6's focus on rewarding expected behaviours. Merry 6's were introduced in Week 7 and the first set of prize winners were drawn during the Week 8 assembly. At MHS, we encourage students to behave in a safe and respectful manner with a focus on ensuring each student LEARNS.



YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Year 9 Food Technology have been working on Food Safety and Hygiene, Food in Australia, Food Equity and Great Expectations/Celebrations throughout Term 3. Students have had the opportunity to expand their palette and discover new tastes through the study of food in Australia. Students worked in teams of four, producing great teamwork and consistency, applying safety and hygiene during practical lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed this unit because it allows them to be creative by designing, making and showcasing their own cakes for a particular celebration.

WELLBEING DAY, A BODY GOOD IDEA!

Friday of Week 9 saw the Year 9 cohort participate in a Wellbeing day held around the school. The day was run by members of the Wellbeing team, and involved a number of workshops designed around the theme of "Respect". Shown here is the model that all students helped make based on ways of demonstrating respect for their peers, the community, the environment, in the classroom, the playground and their teachers. The student survey completed at the end of the day displayed positive feedback and praised the effort put in by the Wellbeing team.



YEAR 8 POP ART



This term all Year 8 students have been studying Pop Art. They are creating their own Pop artwork using drawings of food, text or objects which pop out from colourful cardboard backgrounds.



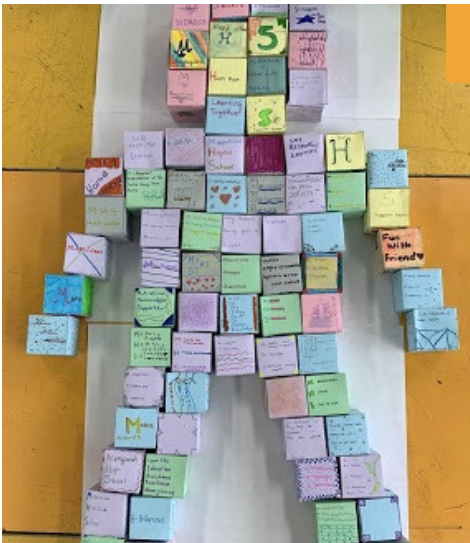
PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNER

Joshua Ahmed of Year 9 received a Principal's award for making an outstanding presentation for his research task on 'Most Abundant Elements in the Solar System'. Using his animation capabilities, he added a lot of fun and pizzazz to his Multimedia project. Joshua will now be involved in working on some of the school multimedia presentations.



EDUCATION WEEK 2020

During Week 3, Merrylands High School students and staff celebrated Education week 2020 with the theme Learning Together. The students participated in a paper crafted sculpture that included acoustic poems about Learning Together at Merrylands High School. Staff shared how Learning Together is captured in each faculty which will be presented in a large puzzle installation artwork.



LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The PDHPE faculty introduced a weekly 4v4 Basketball Competition that ran every Tuesday recess for the majority of Term 3. Their target was to address the low levels of participation in physical activity and sport post COVID-19 lockdown. With over 12 teams competing, it is easy to say it was a huge success. Congratulations to the LA Ballers who beat the Merrylands Thunder in a tight gold medal game!



YEAR 11 LIFE READY

The Life Ready course is designed to develop knowledge and skills in areas such as Road Safety, Financial Literacy, Use of Social Media and Future Career Pathways. The course was effectively delivered by our Deputy Principals, Year Advisors, Careers Advisor, School Counselors and Youth Outreach Officer. A big thank you for all your work and congratulations to the Year 11 cohort for your commitment.



IMPORTANT DATES

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 4

WEEK

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR
ALL STUDENTS (YEARS 7-11)

1



TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

HSC WRITTEN EXAMS BEGIN

2



MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER

YEAR 8 VALID TESTS BEGIN

3

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

YEAR 10 MINIMUM STANDARDS
TESTING BEGINS

4

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 8 VALID TESTS END
YEAR 10 MINIMUM STANDARDS
TESTING ENDS

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

HSC EXAMS END

5

MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 12 FORMAL

6

7

8

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

9

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

SPORTS PRESENTATION

TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

ACADEMIC AWARDS 6-8PM

10

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF THE YEAR